

NUMBER DEAD
IS NOT KNOWN

Search Being Made and Investigations Started To-day

TO FERRET OUT EXPLOSION

Which Shook New York Yesterday Afternoon and Destroyed Great Amount of Property—Powder Trust May Be Besieged with Suits.

New York, Feb. 2.—Criminal prosecution and hundreds of civil suits for damages will be started immediately against the powder trust, if it is found that the trust was responsible for the presence on the Jersey City pier of the dynamite that exploded yesterday afternoon, killing an unknown number of people and doing damage of \$250,000 to the Jersey Central railroad, \$50,000 to the island, and breaking \$100,000 worth of plate glass in Jersey and New York.

Two bodies and portions of another are now at the morgue. Capt. Burnett of the tug Twosley died at the hospital last night. Nothing has been found of the crew of seven on the barge Katherine W., where the explosion occurred, or of the three who are thought to have been aboard the lighter Hustler, which sank afterwards, or of twelve Polish laborers, who are thought to have been working near the explosion.

Great feeling has been aroused about the city by the matter. Prosecutor Garven took the evidence to the grand jury, and a preliminary hearing began to-day. Inspector of Combustibles Connolly also began an investigation to-day as to how the explosive entered, unreported, against the city laws. Furthermore, Governor Haughton began inquiry to fix the responsibility for the death of the four men, whose bodies he has.

A cargo of dynamite was being transferred from a freight car to the hold of the Katherine W. at pier No. 7, Communipaw, N. J., and the cause of the explosion is variously attributed to the dropping of a can of dynamite and to the explosion of a boiler on the vessel.

The Katherine W., owned by James Heald of Jersey City, vanished utterly with her crew of seven men, including the master, Edward Traver. Alongside the lighter Hustler, owned by the American Storage & Delivery company of New York, was so badly shattered that she sank with her crew of two, while the Swedish steel barkentine Ingrid, a biscuit boat to the south, was stripped of her rigging and the lives of two deckhands aboard were snuffed out. Fragments of one man's head were found swinging high on a tangled piece of rope.

The freight car went up in a puff of dust. On the rear dock of the barkentine Ingrid were found a pair of iron trucks. They may be the trucks of the dynamite car or of one of the other four cars standing near that were also torn to bits. Fifty yards back stood another car of dynamite. The explosion ripped the roof of it, and broke in the doors, but the dynamite did not explode.

For 100 feet the pier and itself was utterly demolished. The planking seemed to have been ground to powder. Girders, planking, cross stays, all the massive framework of a pier built to uphold locomotives and loaded trains were as nothing. A steel gondola car on the southernmost track looked like an old hat that had been used for a football.

All about were strange freaks of the explosion. One freight car and the roof blown inward, but the sides were untouched. The iron sheathing of the freight house on pier No. 6, to the north, was pushed inward on the side nearest the explosion and outward on the farther side.

In the train shed of the terminal, nearly the whole southern portion of the glass roof had collapsed, showering the passengers with broken glass. One man was struck by a 20-pound fragment and so severely cut that he died afterwards. An engineer in a shunting locomotive was blown from his cab and died of a fractured skull. A tug boat captain was hurled from his wheel house and fished out of the water fifteen minutes later, swimming about the southern side of the demolished pier.

Rhineland, Waldo, chief commissioner for New York, and Chief Croker were among the first to reach Communipaw from New York. A picked band of New York police accompanied them and rendered valuable aid to the injured. Ambulances could not come fast enough and express wagons were commandeered for duty in their place. How many were injured will never be known in full, but the count of those treated in the New York hospitals alone was 100 and in those of Jersey City, Hoboken, Union and surrounding towns, more than double that number.

The known dead are: Burnett, Robert, New York, captain of the tug John Twosley, blown from his wheel house; Moro, Giannommo, dock hand, killed on the barkentine Ingrid; Moro, Michele, his brother; McNeil, Charles, engineer of a yard locomotive, blown from his cab; Barbour, Robert, incoming Jersey Central passenger, killed by falling glass; Armstrong, James, captain of the powder boat Hustler; unidentified man, one of Hustler's crew.

The known missing are: Traver, Edward, master of the Katherine W.; Heinemann, Louis, engineer of the Katherine W.; Aikley, Frank, crew; Aikley, Henry, crew; Stolpe, Oscar, crew; London, James, crew; Belgian, Louis, crew. Thought to be missing: Dutch unidentified laborers just getting ready to eat lunch on pier No. 7 when the explosion came.

SEVERAL BODIES WASHED ASHORE

Severe Storm on Eastern Coast of Spain Caused Many Deaths.

Madrid, Feb. 2.—Scores are believed to be dead as the result of a storm on the eastern coast of Spain. Much wreckage and several bodies have been washed ashore.

MOTHER CHURCH
SEEKS ESTATE

Bill in Equity in Favor of the Christian Science Church in Boston Was Brought Late Yesterday.

Boston, Feb. 2.—A move to carry out the terms of the will of Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Eddy, founder of the Christian Science church, was made late yesterday when a bill in equity was filed in the supreme judicial court of Massachusetts, asking that the executor of the will and the trustees of certain trust indentures be instructed to turn over Mrs. Eddy's real estate in Massachusetts to the directors of the First Church of Christ, known as the mother church, in Boston. The residuary legatees under the will. The amount of the residuary legacy is estimated at \$1,500,000.

The bill refers to the state law which provides that "the income of the gifts, grants, bequests and devise made to or for the use of any church shall not exceed \$5,000 a year exclusive of the income of any personage land granted to or for the use of the ministry," and contends that the statute has no application to the gift made by the said will. It is claimed that "the residuary clause in said will leaves the property referred to, to be held by the petitioners in trust for charitable purposes," the income from which is to be practically exclusive for "more effectually promoting and extending the religion of Christian Science as taught by me."

An answer to the bill in equity was also filed later by the attorneys for the trustees, in which the defendants admitted the allegations of the bill, including the one in which it is stated they "profess themselves ready and willing to make such conveyance if the same can be legally made, but state that they are advised by counsel that as trustees no conveyance should be made by them without an order of court."

The bill is brought by Stephen A. Chase of Fall River, Archibald McLellan, Allison V. Stewart, John V. Dettemore and Adam H. Dickey, all of Brookline, the Christian Science board of directors, in charge of the affairs of the First, or "mother" church, of Boston, and is against Adam H. Dickey and Archibald McLellan of Brookline, Josiah E. Fernald of Concord, N. H., trustees under two certain written indentures of trust, and Henry M. Baker of Bow, N. H., executor of the last will of Mary Baker G. Eddy.

ONLY A TRICK, HE SAYS.

Senator Chandler's Opinion of the Bill in Equity.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—Upon learning of the filing of the bill in equity in Boston, former Senator William E. Chandler, of New Hampshire, counsel for the Eddy heirs, made the following statement:

"It is only a trick of the so-called religion of Christian Science to get a preposterous decision in Massachusetts of a very large question which belongs to the state of New Hampshire to decide, namely, whether \$2,000,000 worth of property can pass to religious society forbidden to take more than \$40,000 or \$100,000. Neither General Baker, the executor, nor the courts of Massachusetts, will hasten to assist this device. Mr. McLellan, filing a bill against Mr. McLellan and Mr. McLellan admitting to Mr. McLellan that the plaintiff has a good case, is a mere farce."

STRUCK BY TRAIN.

Woman Was Seriously Injured at Exeter, N. H., Yesterday.

Exeter, N. H., Feb. 2.—While on her way yesterday to the Bates shoe factory, where she is an office employee, Mrs. Alice Kahal was struck by the St. John express and seriously injured. The accident happened about 100 yards to the east of Main street crossing. Mrs. Kahal was walking beside the westbound track and the 7:30, an eastbound train was passing. Owing to its rumble Mrs. Kahal did not hear the approaching express, although its whistle was repeatedly blown. It was more than an hour late and its approach was therefore unsuspected by Mrs. Kahal. Station agent Edward E. Nowell vainly attempted to attract her attention.

A few steps more and Mrs. Kahal would have reached the station milk depot in which event she probably would have been crushed to death against the platform.

BROODED OVER LOSS.

Fred W. Beers of Bridgeport, Conn., Killed Himself with Poison.

Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 2.—Fred W. Beers, formerly a leader in Democratic politics here, and who was defeated as a mayoralty candidate a few years ago, killed himself yesterday with poison. He left a letter explaining that he had been cheated out of money rightfully his. Beers apparently had brooded over litigation he was involved in as a trustee of his father's estate.

BISHOP RICE IN ROM.

Was Given An Audience by the Pope Yesterday.

Rome, Feb. 2.—The pope yesterday received in private audience the Rt. Rev. Daniel F. Feehan, bishop of Fall River, and the Rt. Rev. J. J. Rice, bishop of Burlington, Vt. His holiness displayed great interest in the reports admitted relative to the respective dioceses and also on the general progress of Catholicism in America.

PLAGUE VICTIMS CREMATED.

Rudely Coffined, Piled High and Burned. Plague Spreading.

Peking, Feb. 2.—Five hundred bodies of plague victims were cremated to-day. They were rudely coffined, piled high in the outskirts of the city and burned. A similar disposition was made of the bodies at Mukden. It is reported that the plague is spreading.

The idea of a filtration plant in Rutland has been scotched by the city council. The shrewdness of the city fathers is being tested. One of the council considers the milk situation more serious, while several think the proposition to utilize the Cold river a useless one on account of lack of water.

8 PASSENGERS
ON AEROPLANE

New World's Record Was Established To-day

BY AVIATOR LEMARTIN

Successful Flight at Pau, France, in a Blériot Monoplane, Which Was Equipped with Four Seats, Breaks Recent Record.

Pau, France, Feb. 2.—The world's record for carrying passengers by aeroplane was broken to-day by the aviator LeMarti, who boldly took up eight passengers and made a successful flight. He did it with a Blériot monoplane, which was fitted with four seats. With eight passengers clinging to these seats he made a flight over the aerodrome here. The combined weight of the passengers was 1,100 pounds, and LeMarti's feat eclipses a record which was only recently established.

CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY.

Three Men Brought Before Federal Commissioner Hayes.

Boston, Feb. 2.—Three men were before United States Commissioner Hayes yesterday charged with conspiracy against the federal government in concealing assets in bankruptcy proceedings. The men were Louis Ginsburg of Lawrence and Abraham Ginsburg and Victor Kaufman of Roxbury. Each pleaded not guilty, and Commissioner Hayes ordered them held in bonds of \$3,000 each for a continued hearing Feb. 3. All of the men furnished sureties.

The arrests are said to be a part of a crusade conducted by the United States district attorney's office against fraudulent bankruptcy proceedings. The government officials claim that up to Dec. 9 last, Kaufman and Abraham Ginsburg had been doing business in Roxbury under the name of V. Kaufman & Co., and that this firm filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy showing assets of \$7,001 and liabilities of \$12,065.

It is alleged that just prior to the failure of the firm Kaufman and Abraham Ginsburg shipped to Louis Ginsburg at Lawrence certain goods belonging to the firm with the intention of concealing the same, in violation of the United States bankruptcy laws.

According to the United States district attorney's office other arrests are to follow and it is said that certain attorneys will be implicated in the alleged fraudulent transactions that are said to have taken place.

SUED FOR \$20,000.

Claremont Paper Company Defendant in Important Action.

Claremont, N. H., Feb. 2.—Attorney Edward E. Leighton of this town and E. R. Buck of Windsor, Vt., have brought a suit for \$20,000 against the Claremont Paper company of this place for Joseph Foley. He is alleged to have had his arm caught in a "driver" and the arm is now claimed to be useless.

The accident occurred in August, 1910. Deputy Sheriff Charles Magown served notice on the Claremont Paper company yesterday. Notice was also served that the case will be returnable at the next session of the Sullivan county superior court of Newport, May 9.

WAITFIELD MILL BURNED.

F. J. Seaver's Loss Last Night Was About \$2,500.

Waitfield, Feb. 2.—The sawmill at South Fayston belonging to F. J. Seaver was burned to the ground last night soon after 7:30 o'clock with a loss of between \$2,500 and \$3,000. The mill is about two miles from this village and help was sent from here. It was soon seen the mill could not be saved and the men devoted their efforts to saving the large lumber piles.

ARCHBISHOP RYAN FAILING.

Growing Gradually Weaker—End Not Far Distant.

Philadelphia, Feb. 2.—The condition of archbishop Ryan is unimproved. He grows gradually weaker and it is believed the end is near.

The Texas company, capitalized at \$50,000,000 and of which John W. Gates, the millionaire banker, is one of the chief stockholders, is establishing a branch in Burlington and intends to make that city the distributing point for the state of Vermont for its oils, lubricants, roofing and other products. C. J. Brownell is state agent. The effects of competition with the Standard Oil company, which until now had practically the entire business, are being felt, and kerosene has reached the remarkably low figure of six and a half cents a gallon.

REPORTS RETURNED TO HOUSE.

House Committee on Agriculture No Jurisdiction.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—Arguing that they have no jurisdiction, the House committee on agriculture forced back to the House to-day the three reports of the Ballinger-Pinchot committee.

C. J. Ferguson, secretary of the Vermont Anti-Saloon league, is recovering from severe bruises which he received Friday, when the sleigh in which he was riding overturned and Mr. Ferguson was thrown to the ground. A heavy iron weight, used to hitch the horse, struck him and he was somewhat bruised.

TRAINMEN INJURED

When Green Mountain Flyer on Rutland R. R. Dived Off Rails.

Burlington, Feb. 2.—The Green Mountain flyer due in this city over the Rutland railroad at 11:45 a. m. was wrecked at a small station, L'Acadie, 31 miles this side of Montreal Junction yesterday morning and five persons are reported as being injured, three seriously. In spite of the fact that the entire train left the track, the other passengers and the conductor, John A. White, until recently of this city, escaped without serious injury. The accident happened about ten o'clock and it is thought the cause will never be accurately known, as the track was torn up for a distance of several yards. This was repaired so that the later trains ran over on schedule time.

The injured persons, as far as could be learned, are the engineer and fireman, Henry Lapart and Bashaw of Rutland, who were injured seriously, being cut about the head and rendered unconscious, and a woman named La Bombard of Isle La Motte. They, with the other two injured, whose names are unknown, were hurried to the Victoria hospital in Montreal, where they were attended.

The engine went heading for several rods out into a field and tipped over, throwing the engineer and fireman out. But the violent lurch, given in leaving the rails, broke the coupling to the baggage car. This car was split crossways into two pieces and the baggage master, John Phillips of Rutland, escaped uninjured, although he was thrown for some distance and a lantern which he held in his hand was broken to fragments. The La Bombard woman was thrown through a window and cut about the head.

The southbound passengers were taken back to Montreal to await a later train and the Ogdensburg section was run to the city on about schedule time.

HARD LUCK STORY.

Captain Reports Mate Killed, Seaman Sick, Boiler Leaking.

Block Island, R. I., Feb. 2.—A hard luck story was related by Captain Campbell of the big Boston five masted schooner Rebecca Palmer yesterday afternoon shortly after he anchored the vessel one mile northeast of the Old Harbor breakwater.

The Palmer is bound from Portland for Baltimore, and has no cargo aboard. Monday night the big craft ran into a sixty-knot westerly gale which tossed her about at will in the big seas. While the second mate, William Wilcox, was making his way along the deck, a sudden lurch of the vessel threw him headlong into the hold. Wilcox was internally injured and had a leg fractured. He lingered until yesterday, dying just as the Palmer was in sight of Block Island.

Captain Campbell also reported that one of his women, a Portuguese, was ill, and that the donkey engine boiler was leaking. The owners in Boston were notified of the situation, and it is probable that the body of the second mate and the sick seaman will be sent ashore here.

\$25,000 FIRE IN BROCKTON.

Commercial Block Burned, Probably by an Overturned Lamp.

Brockton, Mass., Feb. 2.—Fire starting late yesterday in the basement of the Commercial block, a two-story brick building at Main and Crescent streets, practically burned out the structure, causing a loss estimated at about \$25,000, with partial insurance.

An overturned lamp in the plumbing shop of Joseph F. Corcoran in the basement is believed to have started the blaze. The ground floor was occupied by Thomas A. Duprey & Co., druggists; Dan Bros., shoes, and Franta & LaCatt, fruit store. On the second floor were various offices.

DEAD LINE ROADSIDE.

Pitiful Conditions in Famine Stricken China, Children Sold to Obtain Food.

Nanking, China, Feb. 2.—Missionaries here declare that hundreds of children in Chinese families in the famine districts have been sold to obtain food. In the famine districts of Kiang Su and Anhui the dead line is the roadside.

SUICIDE ON CHURCH STEPS.

Italian Who Came to United States Recently May Have Been Home Sick.

Boston, Feb. 2.—Well dressed, with \$50 in his pockets, and other marks of prosperity about him, Michael Trinchetti, who had been in this country but four weeks, committed suicide on the steps of St. Patrick's Catholic church, Central street, Natick, early last evening. It is thought that the man may have been home sick or desperate from inability to find employment.

He was seen walking about for some time. Finally he went up Central street. Passersby thought he acted strangely and watched him. Mounting the steps to the door, he knelt apparently in prayer. Suddenly he fell backward, and spectators who hurried over and picked him up found that he had slashed his throat from ear to ear with a razor. He died in a few minutes. The police took charge of the body.

GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER.

Quarrelled over Woman, One Man Shot Another.

Boston, Feb. 2.—Robert Jeffries, colored, was found guilty of manslaughter to-day in the killing of Edward Shackford by shooting. They quarrelled over a woman.

PATIENT IS DOING WELL.

Mrs. Douglass-Barclay was operated on for appendicitis at the City Hospital last evening, and her condition to-day is reported to be very favorable for her recovery.

Waterbury Physician Married to Burlington Woman.

Burlington, Feb. 2.—The marriage of Miss Emilie Kelsey Grow of this city to Dr. Fred Elton Steele, Jr. of Waterbury took place last night at 7:30 o'clock at No. 10 North Union street in the presence of a few intimate friends. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Ernest G. Guthrie. The bride was attired in a gown of light blue messaline. Dr. and Mrs. Steele left late last evening for Waterbury, where they will reside.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Wednesday and Thursday arrivals at the City hotel were as follows: W. R. Edgar, New Haven, Conn.; P. T. Thomas, W. Thomas, Toronto, Ont.; F. A. Nason, Boston; W. S. Fought, Burlington; J. H. Judkins, Northfield; H. M. Miller, New York City; C. G. Newton, Burlington; Edward Triple, Boston; H. S. Springer, Norwich, N. Y.

PRAIRIE FIRE
SWEEPING ON

Causing Immense Damage in State of Oklahoma

THOUSANDS FIGHTING IT

It Started in Oil Pools at Young's Lake and Is Burning Southward in Washita County—No Casualties Thus Far Reported.

Bartlesville, Oklahoma, Feb. 2.—A prairie fire of alarming proportions is sweeping through Washita county in this state, threatening great destruction of property and considerable loss of life. Thousands of people have turned out and they are fighting the fire in the hope of saving their property. Immense damage has already been inflicted, although thus far no casualties have been reported. The fire started yesterday in the oil pools near Young's lake, and swept in a southerly direction.

YELLED "PUT HIM OUT."

Maine Legislators Incensed at Speaker in Committee Hearing.

Augusta, Me., Feb. 2.—Incensed at the torrent of abuse that was being poured upon the Democratic party, the members of the legislative committee on temperance, both Democrats and Republicans, broke in upon the remarks of Frank W. Gowen of Waterville at a hearing yesterday with shouts of "Put him out! Put him out!"

Many of the senators and representatives left their seats and started toward the speaker, who slowly retreated to a corner.

The committee members gradually regained their self-control and then demanded an explanation from the speaker. Gowen apologized and said that he simply was quoting abusive statements made by prominent Republicans.

The committee was hearing the arguments for and against three liquor measures which are before the legislature, to take the prohibitory law out of the constitution, to repeal the Sturge law providing for state enforcement by deputies and for the abolishment of liquor agencies. All three measures are proposed by Senator Staples of Knox.

The room where the hearing was being held was crowded, many of the spectators being women, members of the W. C. T. U., and other organizations which are opposing the measures. The opponents are led by Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens.

FAIR HAVEN CITIZEN.

Frank A. Towne, Aged 69, Died After Months' Illness.

Fair Haven, Feb. 2.—Frank A. Towne, aged 69 years, died at his home on Washington street yesterday after a several months' illness with heart trouble. He is survived by his wife, two sons, Charles and Henry Towne; two daughters, Mrs. Fred St. Lewis and Mrs. A. L. Streeter, and one sister, Mrs. E. E. Butler, all of this place.

Mr. Towne has been for 45 years an employee of the Fair Haven Marble and Marbleizing State company.

When 16 years of age he joined the local Methodist church and has been an active worker ever since. Mr. Towne has also held several town offices. The funeral will be held at the Methodist church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

DRUG STORE RAIDED.

Large Quantity of Liquor Seized at Crystal Pharmacy in Burlington.

Burlington, Feb. 2.—The midnight ride of Messrs. Cote and Borrette with the Misses Mildred Brown and Nellie Collins continues to bring in its train developments of a more and more psychic nature. Yesterday afternoon at four o'clock State's Attorney H. B. Shaw filed in county court an information against W. P. Hall of the Crystal Pharmacy, charging him with selling intoxicating liquor without a license. At five o'clock Sheriff Allen searched Mr. Hall's place of business and found and seized a large quantity of liquor. Mr. Hall and one of his clerks were arrested at the time but later gave bail in the sum of \$200 each.

IS IN CRITICAL SHAPE.

Mrs. W. B. Harmon of Montpelier Had Internal Hemorrhage.

Mrs. William B. Harmon, wife of a Vermont Telephone company employee in this city, is in Heaton hospital at Montpelier, critically ill from internal hemorrhage sustained last night. During the last few days Mrs. Harmon had not been in her usual health, culminating in the sudden sinking last night. As the only resort, an operation was performed last night, and the patient is in serious condition. Mrs. Harmon will be remembered as Miss Rosemary Jerome of Montpelier. Until recently Mr. and Mrs. Harmon resided in this city.

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"18TH CENTURY AFTERNOON."

Play Composed by Miss Alice N. Averill Much Enjoyed at Goddard.

An audience of over 200 enjoyed the musical entertainment given by the students of Goddard seminary last evening. The entertainment was in the form of a play, "An 18th Century Afternoon," composed by Miss Alice N. Averill, and the students who participated were dressed in the costumes of that date. The program was very unique on account of the dialogues in connection with the solos. Special mention should be made of the singing of Miss Barbara G. Maynard, "Patience" and the violin playing of Clayton Spencer.

The cast of characters was as follows: Faith, Ethel E. Lamberton; Patience, Barbara G. Maynard; Prudence, Alice N. Averill; Countess Sally Featherwing, Marie L. Walls; Sir Lancelot Leatherbit, Clayton Spencer; page to the countess, Lorraine Loranger.

The music of the evening was by composers of the eighteenth century, and the program was as follows: Symphony No. 3, 1st movement, Haydn, 1782-1809; Miss Lamberton, Miss Averill; Toccata, Paradies, 1710-1762; Miss Averill; "How Yon Clear Brooklet," Paradies, Miss Maynard; "Harmonious Blacksmith," air with variations, Handel, 1685-1759; Miss Lamberton; "La Poulie," Jean Philippe Rameau, 1683-1764; Miss Averill; "A Delicate Lass," Purcell, 1658-1695; Miss Maynard; "Presto," Carl Heinrich Graun, 1701-1759; Miss Averill; "The Plague of Love," De Arno, 1710-1778; Miss Maynard; "Minuet," Boccherini, 1743-1805; Mr. Spencer; "The Floating Hindress," Cooper, 1668-1753; Madrigal, old English, Thomas Ford, musician to Charles I., 1580-1648; chorus, C. Kate Coburn; Avis I. Keir, Ella V. Veda E. Allen, Helen S. Averill, Jessie A. Kipper, Alice M. Templeton, Catherine Rowley, Mary C. Dole, Marion C. Dole and Hazel D. Flanders.

NEARLY FROZEN TO DEATH.

Wm. James of St. Albans Was Pinned Down by Sleigh.

St. Albans, Feb. 2.—Wm. James of Greens Corners was by a peculiar accident nearly frozen to death Tuesday night. He was driving home from this city with a load of furniture, when the sleigh was overturned, burying him beneath the load, with the mercury 15 below zero. He was unable to extricate himself and was so far from a house that his cries for help were not heard.

He was rescued by a passing team three hours afterwards, the driver of which stopped to look at the wreck.

He was discovered and pulled out more dead than alive. He is now in the hospital in a precarious condition and so badly frozen that his arms and legs may have to be amputated to save his life.

STOUTLY DENIED BY BOY.

That He Is the Youth Who Passed a Forged Check.

William Martin, a boy 15 years of age, who resides on Elmwood avenue, was arrested this noon by Chief Sinclair on suspicion of being the boy who passed a forged check at Dr. Taylor's store and attempted to pass one in E. S. Shepard's store last week. The boy was taken to the police station, where he stoutly denied the charge and claimed that he was never in Shepard's store. Mr. Shepard was called in to identify the boy, and he told the chief that he was sure that he was the boy who was in his store. The boy had a pair of gold-bowed glasses in a case, which he claimed he picked up at the city dump. Dr. Taylor's name is on the case, and the case is apparently a new one. The boy was also asked to write the name C. C. Scott, which name was signed to the checks, and the writing is very similar. The boy will probably be arraigned in court this afternoon.

ABOUT ONE-HALF INSURED.

Montpelier Loss by Fire Yesterday Afternoon in Rialto Building.

Montpelier's big fire on State street yesterday afternoon was finally squelched late in the afternoon, after the three-story Rialto building had been burned and collapsed and after the wooden bridge across the river had been considerably damaged. That fire did not sweep the Bowman building on the west and the Union building on the east, was due to the fact that the collapse of the Rialto building into the river pulled the flames away from the adjoining property and reduced the flaming structure to a small heap, which was easily compassed by the several streams of water thrown on it. The fire continued to burn for several hours after that, but at no time was there real danger of further spread of the fire.

Revised estimates of the total damage place the loss at \$35,000, with an insurance of about one-half that amount. The building was insured for \$12,200. There is some doubt whether the building will be replaced, as the location over the river is not desirable, inasmuch as the new building, unless of steel construction, would have to be trussed as the old one was.

Mrs. J. A. Morse, milliner, lost \$2,000 and had insurance of \$1,000; Mrs. W. M. Fraser's loss was \$1,500, with \$1,000 insurance; F. A. Standish's cigar store loss was about the same as Allen Bros., but with only \$800 insurance; Jangraw's barber shop loss was \$1,000, and no insurance; Dr. F. E. Steele had an office in the building and his property was valued at \$2,500, with \$800 insurance. Dr. W. L. Goodale didn't carry any insurance and had a loss of \$300; Myer Tuttle's loss was \$1,200 and insurance \$1,000; Mrs. Stella Morse and Frank Wise, who had tenements in the upper stories, lost \$300 and \$1,000, respectively, with no insurance in either case.

In the adjoining buildings, Bowman's fruit store was damaged somewhat, and Kellogg's grocery store cellar was flooded in Russell's bookstore on the opposite side, the damage was about \$200. Several times last evening the fire started up in the ruins and threatened the Bowman building again, but firemen drenched streams of water and prevented further damage.

The wooden bridge, which has been an eyecore to Montpelier people for a long time, may be replaced with an iron structure. The present bridge was not burned so badly that it cannot be used, but it will require considerable repairing in case it is decided to use it again.

The ruins were watched all through the night, and this morning the work of removing the debris was started. The stuff had been given to E. C. Gitchell, but the city council feared that he would not move the obstruction out of the river soon enough to prevent a possible flooding in case of high water, and therefore they put on two city teams and half a dozen workmen this morning. The debris is resting on the ice at the present time.

FALLING DOOR
SUIT BROUGHT

Novel Action to Come Up in Washington County Court

JONES BROS. DEFENDANT

Dominico Huppi Claims \$10,000 Damages as Result of Being Made Crazy by Injury to Head—Other Cases in Court.

A suit for \$10,000 damages has been entered in Washington county court against the firm of Jones Bros. company of this city in behalf of Dominico Huppi, who was formerly in the employ of the firm. The plaintiff sets up that on January 19, 1905, while he was engaged in working at the company's plant at North Barre, a door fell and struck him on the head, inflicting serious injuries. The complaint sets up that the skull was fractured and that Huppi's hearing was affected and that as a result the injuries sustained he has since then been troubled with hallucinations.

The suit is put for trial at the coming term of Washington county court. Fred P. Carleton of Montpelier has been retained to defend the plaintiff's interests. Another suit in trover has been entered in court, the plaintiff being A. M. Morrison of Barre, who sues Jesse J. Welch of Caledonia county, the disputed property being a three-year-old heifer and one hundred bushels of corn. A. S. Sargent of Barre is the attorney for the plaintiff and Dunnett & Black have been retained by the defendant.

STOUTLY DENIED BY BOY.

That He Is the Youth Who Passed a Forged Check.

William Martin, a boy 15 years of age, who resides on Elmwood avenue, was arrested this noon by Chief Sinclair on suspicion of being the boy who passed a forged check at Dr. Taylor's store and attempted to pass one in E. S. Shepard's store last week. The boy was taken to the police station, where he stoutly denied the charge and claimed that he was never in Shepard's store. Mr. Shepard was called in to identify the boy, and he told the chief that he was sure that he was the boy who was in his store. The boy had a pair of gold-bowed glasses in a case, which he claimed he picked up at the city dump. Dr. Taylor's name is on the case, and the case is apparently a new one. The boy was also asked to write the name C. C. Scott, which name was signed to the checks, and the writing is very similar. The boy will probably be arraigned in court this afternoon.

ABOUT ONE-HALF INSURED.

Montpelier Loss by Fire Yesterday Afternoon in Rialto Building.

Montpelier's big fire on State street yesterday afternoon was finally squelched late in the afternoon, after the three-story Rialto building had been burned and collapsed and after the wooden bridge across the river had been considerably damaged. That fire did not sweep the Bowman building on the west and the Union building on the east, was due to the fact that the collapse of the Rialto building into the river pulled the flames away from the adjoining property and reduced the flaming structure to a small heap, which was easily compassed by the several streams of water thrown on it. The fire continued to burn for several hours after that, but at no time was there real danger of further spread of the fire.

Revised estimates of the total damage place the loss at \$35,000, with an insurance of about one-half that amount. The building was insured for \$12,200. There is some doubt whether the building will be replaced, as the location over the river is not desirable, inasmuch as the new building, unless of steel construction, would have to be trussed as the old one was.

Mrs. J. A. Morse, milliner, lost \$2,000 and had insurance of \$1,000; Mrs. W. M. Fraser's loss was \$1,500, with \$1,000 insurance; F. A. Standish's cigar store loss was about the same as Allen Bros., but with only \$800 insurance; Jangraw's barber shop loss was \$1,000, and no insurance; Dr. F. E. Steele had an office in the building and his property was valued at \$2,500, with \$800 insurance. Dr. W. L. Goodale didn't carry any insurance and had a loss of \$300; Myer Tuttle's loss was \$1,200 and insurance \$1,000; Mrs. Stella Morse and Frank Wise, who had tenements in the upper stories, lost \$300 and \$1,000